

## MOOR OF THE HOUR

**A Study in Caste.**  
The nature is so happily constituted that as long as the humble man is content to look down upon himself, he still maintains a degree of dignified self-respect.  
The back door of a city residence the other day came an old man tramp, his grizzled and tattered, weary and aged appearance, but asked no mercy, merely something to eat. A cup of hot coffee was added to the old and meat bestowed upon the old fellow, and as he munched he slipped contentedly, albeit ravenously, on the doorstep the lady of the house chatted with him. He said that he was from old England, that he was a traveling tinker and made good every day, but that he had an old, work made him very tired, and had concluded to beg his bread. "Wouldn't you find occupation of some kind somewhere?" asked the sympathetic lady. "It would surely be less some than walking as much as you do beg."  
"Oh, no, lady," replied the old tramp. "I ain't a low down begger; I'm the lowest o' th' low, lady. No, there's a class 'twixt me an' th' begger."—Detroit Free Press.

**And It's Often Done.**  
"Are we all out of debt at last?" she asked.  
"Thank heaven, we are!" he answered.  
"Then let's give a swell dinner and party," she suggested.  
"But that will put us in debt again," he protested.  
"Of course it will," she returned, "what's the good of making our money if it goes to the bank?"  
"No good if we don't use it?"—Chicago Post.

**A Suggestion Considered.**  
An actor must often leave his real behind him when he goes on the stage, must he not?" said the inquisitive young woman.  
"Well," answered Mr. Stormington, "it would assuredly be a great convenience if there were two of him, that one could remain out and the other in the box office."—Washington Post.

**Might Be Worse.**  
"A doctor," exclaimed a rheumatic patient, "I suffer dreadfully with my joints and feet."  
"Just try to think how much inconvenience you would suffer without them," replied the physician.  
"—Chicago News.

**W-h-a-t!**



**Proprietor of Private Lunatic Asylum.**  
This is an extremely painful case. The patient has been burned 3,000 feet of the month and the company only paid him for two. He has never recovered from the shock and, I fear, will die.

**Wrong Again.**  
"What was that impudent little fellow who came into your room and called on you this morning?"  
"Meekton—Er—why, to tell the truth, that is our youngest son."—Ohio Journal.

**A Poser.**  
"Mamma, were you ever a beauty?"  
"Certainly, dear. All husbands were once children."  
"Really? Well, who took care of the babies then?"—Philadelphia Record.

**Willie's Dilemma.**  
"Another time you must not interrupt me when I am talking to Willie."  
"But, mother, by the time I finished I should have forgotten what I wanted to say."—Detroit Free Press.

**A Straddle.**  
"Are you a believer in protection or free trade?"  
"Both—protection from bill collectors and free trade with the groceryman."—Somerset Journal.

**The Unobservant Widower.**  
"Miranda, isn't it about time you thought of getting married?"  
"Merely, no, I have been thinking about it ever since I was ten years old."—Boston Globe.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The price of ice at Dawson last summer was 2 cents a pound, or \$40 a ton. Five thousand dollars has been spent in vain for poison with which to kill prairie dogs in western Kansas.

Of the 1,500 towns in New England 101 manage their schools under the district system, 81 of them being in Connecticut.

The American museum explorations seem to prove that Colorado had four distinct types of early horses almost contemporaneous.

A costly marble monument stands in a fashionable cemetery at Seattle, Wash., sacred to the memory of a faithful horse. The animal's owner was himself buried beside the horse recently.

When the first Bible society in this country was organized, the English language was spoken by only 20,000,000 people. Now 120,000,000 people speak it. Then the Bible was printed in fifty languages; now it is printed in 420 languages.

A line of "observation automobiles" is to be run in Washington for the benefit of visitors. Each vehicle carries twenty-two passengers and will be accompanied by a lecturer on points of interest at the capital. The fuel is kerosene and the motive power steam.

## FOREIGN FACTS.

Half a million Liberia coffee trees have been planted in German East Africa.

Germany has a periodical, Die Flamme, specially devoted to the promotion of cremation.

The new library at Athens is completed. It was begun fourteen years ago by Professor Ziller of Dresden. It has room for 400,000 volumes.

A new paving in London is formed of big blocks of partially pulverized stone obtained from Cornwall and south Wales and held together by Trinidad pitch.

The latest craze among the Parisian ladies is that of foxes, or, rather, fox cubs, as household pets. They are so largely in request that the little creatures are actually for sale now in the streets.

Italy has a debt of £500,000,000, which is growing at the rate of £14,000,000 a year. The only way the Italians can escape the taxation is to emigrate, and this they are doing in considerable numbers.

The magistrates of Madrid at a recent meeting voted the sum of 250,000 pesetas for the erection of eight statues of Lope de Vega, Murillo, Moratin, Ventura-Rodriguez, Goya, Arqueles, Quedo and Salamanca.

## CHOICE MISCELLANY

**Curious Polyglot Periodicals.**  
Three curious polyglot periodicals are now being published.

One is the China Times, which is regularly printed in seven languages. It is published in the capital of China, and the languages in which it appears are the English, French, German, Italian, Russian, Japanese and Chinese.

Another polyglot paper is the Austrian semimonthly entitled Acta Comparationis Literarum Universarum. It has correspondents and subscribers all over the world, and the contributions of the former are invariably printed in the language of the countries from which they are sent. As a result it frequently happens that in one number of the paper there are articles in twenty-five or thirty languages.

The third polyglot paper is the "Pan-tolodon Magazine," which is published in St. Petersburg, and which contains critical essays regarding the new books published throughout the world. Each of these essays is printed in the language of the country where the new book of which the essay treats appeared. Thus a review of an American book is printed in English, a review of a French book is printed in French, and so on. One number of this periodical has contained articles in fifteen different languages—namely, German, French, English, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Portuguese, Swedish, Danish, Hungarian, Roumanian, Russian, Serbian, Bohemian and Polish.

## Overworked the Game.

Speaking of the trade in war relics just after the close of the Spanish war a Havana correspondent of the Boston Transcript writes: "One live American we know of gave it out that he had bought the last Spanish flagstaff from Morro Castle. A week or two later, as soon as shipments could be got from the States, this same man was selling walking sticks said to have been turned from the aforesaid flagstaff. Some of those sticks were of oak, others of ash; some were mahogany and others ebony, but nobody in those days questioned little things like that. The man might have made a fortune had he confined his business to walking sticks. He didn't, though. He began offering small articles of household furniture, then larger ones, and at last, becoming really bold, he tried to float a general furniture factory—all out of wood from this large flagstaff. That was his downfall, and though the man is alive now, his wits are few and far between and he is limited to walking sticks again."

## NEW SHORT STORIES

**Charity of Dan Rice.**  
The circus has not always been considered a desirable adjunct to the church, and it must have been a desperate situation that tempted a group of Indiana women to seek aid in such a quarter.

It happened at a time when the famous Dan Rice was trying to steer his circus through financial breakers. He had got as far as Vincennes, and there one day in a melancholy mood he was standing in front of the tent figuring on the prospect of getting out of town at all and gloomily listening to disparaging comments on his band by the townsfolk when he was approached by a party of ladies, one of whom said: "Colonel Rice, we have always heard of you as a very charitable man. Unfortunately our church has been damaged and needs a new roof. We thought you might be willing to subscribe toward it."

The humor of the situation appealed to the old showman. Here he was, without a dollar he could call his own, asked to contribute to charity. He pulled a nickel out of his pocket and said with the utmost gravity: "Ladies, this may appear to you a small amount, but it represents all the money I possess. However, I believe heartily in the cause you are pleading, and I shall not utterly refuse your request. I promise you that if this show does any business here I will not only contribute toward repairing your church, but I will put a new roof on it."

For one reason or another—perhaps the ladies might explain it—the two performances that day netted so large a sum that the old showman was enabled to pay his way to the next town and the church to rejoice in a new roof.

## Made Mr. McKinley's Speech.

A well known general of the civil war, who has since become prominent in United States politics and is now a senator from one of the western states, was going to speak at a political meeting at Marlboro, O., and so also was Mr. McKinley, then a congressman. They drove down from Canton together. As they were driving along the general asked his companion for some suggestions, and the latter kindly explained the situation and advanced arguments in support of the position of the Republican party. Mr. McKinley, as usual, had his subject well in hand, but, in addition, was fortified with notes giving certain statistics in corroboration of his argument. He told



"MAJOR, JUST HAND ME THOSE DOCUMENTS." the general about what line of thought he intended to pursue in making his speech at Marlboro, and the latter, who was a little first, agreed that he would hand him a little and would leave the bulk of the argument to Mr. McKinley. The general duly made his bow to the audience and began his speech. As he became warmed up the recollection of what Mr. McKinley had been talking about on the way to the meeting became stronger, and he began pursuing the line of argument that his companion had prepared for himself. The general laid down his proposition just as the major had done in the carriage and finally said: "And I can prove all this. Major, just hand me those documents." And then he proceeded to read at length from Mr. McKinley's notes. When the general finished, there was little left for the major to say.—Chicago News.

**His Enjoyment Limited.**  
Mrs. Twaddle—Why, Dr. Jalap, it's ages since I saw you. How have you been? Do you enjoy good health?  
Dr. Jalap—Not in others, Mrs. Twaddle—not in others.—Boston Transcript.

**According to Bobby.**  
His Mamma—I'm mortified to learn that you stand at the foot of your class. I can hardly believe it possible.  
Bobby—Why, it's de easiest thing in de world.—Detroit Free Press.

**Nothing to Drag About.**  
Algy—Yass, I belong to Chicago, Miss Fittie.  
Miss Fittie—Oh, is that all I thought from the way you talked Chicago belonged to you.—Boston Globe.

## THE GLASS OF FASHION.

Large flowered velvets in bright colors are used in some stocks, which are very attractive.

Cluny lace run through with fine gold thread will be a very stylish trimming for silk and filmy cloth.

Red jackets, Garriek capes, costumes entire, vests, hats and garnitures are everywhere in evidence.

The season coming is to be distinctly a "maggie" winter. Black and white will be worn in all sorts of combinations.

Silk embroidered buttons are one of the novel features of the new shirt waists, and they come in all colors to match the material.

If one sees a pair of black gloves which seem to have missed the last bath at the dyer's and are not quite as black as their companions, no complaint should be made, for they are not really black, but a gun metal shade.

One of the newest of the French dress skirts for autumn wear has a five gored foundation, to which is applied a very deep graduated circular flounce, and this flounce on the front and sides is slashed, forming panels of different lengths.

## ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

The value of wood ashes in the orchard can hardly be overestimated.

Coal ashes can often be used to good advantage in mulching quince trees.

The soil should be kept from becoming hard on the surface about fruit trees.

There are few kinds of fruits more easily or more cheaply grown than raspberries.

Fruit of a fine appearance sells better than fruit of extra flavor which is not so showy.

While a good dressing of manure can be applied on the garden in the fall or winter to advantage, care should be taken to have it thoroughly rotted.

Our best lawn or street tree, the sugar maple, should always be transplanted in the fall, as the profuse discharge from the branches and roots when cut necessarily renders planting uncertain.

## PITH AND POINT.

If you accept flattery, you are conceited.

There is such a thing as being a victim of hope.

The "story" that sounds funny to you may not be funny to other people. Don't repeat it too often.

When a man and woman walk into a store to buy something for the man, the clerk never sells him anything. He sells to the woman.

Every minute a man spends in his parlor his wife is nervously apprehending that he will discover a new scratch the boy has made in the furniture.

Somehow after one returns from a funeral at the cemetery the furniture and carpets at home look newer and brighter and more attractive than they did.—Athenian Globe.

## Mrs. Cornwallis-West's Wit.

Not so long ago Joseph Chamberlain refused, with that firmness, not to say obstinacy, that is so irritating to the inquiring mind, to discuss the war with Mrs. George Cornwallis-West. "I see," she said sweetly, "you prefer to discuss your indiscretions in public." Not long after the colonial secretary made some rather sarcastic remark about the political activity of certain women, adding that he could not understand why American women, who kept out of politics at home, overwhelmed us in England. "Ah," said Mrs. Cornwallis-West innocently, "American men are too intelligent to need our educating influence."

## Let Into a Secret.

During General Sherman's famous "march to the sea" both north and south were completely mystified as to what point the general was striking for, and one day an old Georgian planter who had called at his headquarters and enjoyed his good cheer asked him boldly if he had any objection to telling where his army was bound. "Not the least," said Sherman. Then, leaning over, he whispered in his guest's ear, but so loudly that everybody else in the tent overheard it, "We are going pretty much where we please!"



The big mustache isn't merely ornamental.—Chicago News.

## WOMAN AND FASHION

**An Attractive Tea Jacket.**  
The tea jacket shown in the illustration is of pale blue cloth edged with a white guipure lace frill and adorned with a large, stylish lace collar to match. Blue ribbon confines the full



BLUE CLOTH AND LACE.

ness at the waist and trims the sleeves. The upper sleeve is of cloth, and the full undersleeve and chemisette are of white liberty satin, while the collar band is of blue velvet.—Philadelphia Ledger.

## Tan Boots and Shoes.

Brown boots and shoes are invariably, let it be remembered, the most correct and convenient footwear when traveling, for obvious reasons. And, when well made, can no longer have the reproach leveled at them of being clumsy or apparently increasing the size of the foot. The American shoe company—and, indeed, most of the best bootmakers—have now brought the brown shoe and boot to a point of perfection in shape and color which leaves nothing to be desired by the most fastidious, and in this connection it is worth remarking that brown stockings should always match the tone of leather in one's boot or shoe, the union of color in both being one of those details which a well dressed woman will be careful to consider.

## Fabrics Must Be Furry.

Many fabrics known as drap de zibeline are exaggerated in their silky and furry appearance to an exceptional degree, while one or two colors are intermingled on ground colors of grays, russet, Sevrès blues, fraise cerisees and browns. Long white or black hairs appear to float over the whole mixture, and indescribable checks, broken stripes, colored knotted woolen spots, are interwoven on this novelty. A short pile satin faced beaver cloth known as drap de panne is equally favored with a coarse canvas cloth.

## Blouse and Norfolk Jackets.

Taking the place with many women of the Eton and bolero, which still, however, hold favor among autumn robes, are the blouse jackets with turn-down Napoleon collar, or one in Algon shape, with or without the skirt plume, cut in circular form, or the new Norfolk jacket, made with silk stitched, adjustable plaits that taper from beneath the edges of a shaped yoke to the waist. A narrow stitched belt defines the slight dip at the front and the close sleeves are made with two seams.

## A Stylish Gray Hat.



The illustration shows a large, furry hat with a wide brim and a high crown, adorned with a large bow and a fur collar.